Graduate Level Main Examination, 1999 by SSC

*366. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final results of the Combined Graduate Level Main Examination, 1999, were declared by the Staff Selection Commission in the last week of January, 2002;

(b) if so, whether dossiers of the successful candidates for the posts of Income Tax Inspector and Assistant are yet to be forwarded to the concerned Departments;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in forwarding the dossiers; and

(d) by when the dossiers would be sent to the concerned departments so that they could issue the offers of appointment to the successful candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The final results of all categories of Combined Graduate Level Examination were declared in January, 2002.

(b) No, Sir. The dossiers of successful candidates have been forwarded to the concerned departments.

(c) and (d) In view of the reply to part (b), the Questions do not arise.

Use of rubber bitumen in constructing roads

*367. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the viability of using rubber bitumen in constructing roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Kerala has sent any request to the Union Government seeking use of rubber bitumen in the construction of National Highways and other roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One study on the viability of using rubber/polymer modified bitumen was got conducted by the Ministry through Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi. This study has revealed that rubber/ polymer modified bitumen provides more durable roads by reducing susceptibility towards temperature variations and improving the desirable properties of bitumen thereby giving overall better performance.

(c) and (d) The Government of Kerala have sent one proposal seeking use of rubberized bitumen in surfacing 12 km length of NH-213, which has been sanctioned. Besides, use of ruberized bitumen in surfacing has been approved for a length of about 24 km on NH-17 and NH-208 in Kerala, in surfacing under improvement of riding quality programme.

Rise in buffer stock of foodgrains

*368. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buffer stock of foodgrains by the end of this year is estimated to rise from the existing 580 lakh tonnes to more than 675 lakh tonnes;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to tackle this problem; and

(c) whether Government would consider to revamp the Public Distribution System (PDS) and if so, the details thereof?